THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of India and the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran have set up an Indo-Iran Joint Committee to examine all the options to import natural gas to India from Iran through pipeline including on-land and off-shore deep water pipeline outside the continental shelf margin of Pakistan. The consortium led by M/s Snamprogetti-Saipem of Italy has been awarded to conduct feasibility study for deep water pipeline. The Joint Committee is in the process of undertaking feasibility study for on-land gas pipeline. Provision of safety measures for the proposed gas pipeline depends on the Techno-Economic Feasibility Reports.

Cost of small size cylinder

3192. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have implemented its "Inprinciple" proposal to allow Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies to market 5 kg. LPG cylinders; and

(b) whether Government are going to price it so as to make such cylinders economical for the poorer sections of society?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir. The proposal is yet to be implemented.

(b) The pricing of 5 kg. LPG cylinder is yet to be finalised.